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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MO, SS, OVIP

SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING AUDIENCE WITH KING HASSAN

REF: COON/MONTVILLE TELECON, EVENING OF JUNE 24.

1. CONFIRMING ABOVE TELCON, MINISTER OF PALACE
PROTOCOL, MOULAY HAFID, PHONED ME ABOUT 9:30 LAST
NIGHT LOCAL TIME TO TELL ME KING WISHED TALK TO ME
AT 6:45 P.M. LOCAL TIME THIS EVENING, JUNE 25. (NOTE:
SINCE KING IN SKIRHAT I MUST LEAVE OFFICE AT 6:00P.M.)

2. GIVEN KING'S ALMOST TOTAL PREOCCUPATION WITH
THE SAHARA ISSUE THESE DAY, I PRESUME HE WILL WISH
TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ME AND TO ELICIT WHATEVER
INFORMATION I CAN GIVE HIM REGARDING OUR RACTION HIS
DEMARCHE REPORTED RABAT 2698.

3. I WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL IN TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS IF I COULD OFFICIALLY CONVEY TO HIS MAJESTY
A CURRENT U.S. POSITION SOMEWHAT MORE NUANCED, AND
HOPEFULLY MORE POSITIVE FROM KING'S VIEWPOINT, THAN
A SIMPLE STATEMENT OF U.S. NEUTRALITY AND HOPE FOR
PEACEFUL RESOLUTION. (E.G., RABAT 2949).

4. ON OTHER HAD IF CURRENT USG POSITION NOT YET
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JELLED, WOULD NOT WISH TO PRESS YOU FOR EARLY DECISION.

IN THIS CASE I SHALL COPE WITH KING THIS AFTERNOON AS
BEST I CAN.

5. RE DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS VISIT, I WAS ABLE TO ELICIT
FROM MOULAY HAFID YESTERDAY A STATEMENT THAT KING
WOULD BE IN MARRAKECH (FOR CELEBRATION HIS BIRTHDAY)
AT TIME OF VISIT AND WOULD RECEIVE DEPSECDEF THERE.
HOPEFULLY, I WILL BE ABLE TO REACH FIRMER UNDERSTANDING
ON THIS AND RELATED ISSUES WITH KING THIS EVENINNG.
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